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Re Support for recommendation 1 of Item 5 of the July 8th Executive Policy Committee meeting

July 7, 2025

Mayor Gillingham and City of Winnipeg Councillors,

I support recommendation 1 of Item 5 of the agenda.

"1. That, prior to the installation of the new meters, the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to present alternative options as described in the report, as well as an option to not have a transmitter installed on the property, to ratepayers who can provide proof of need of a medical exemption, such as a medical letter signed by a physician registered with The College and Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba or proof of the ability to claim the Canada Revenue Agency Disability Tax Credit."

I have spent my 40+ year career entirely in the technology industry. In my previous role as President of Microsoft Canada, I witnessed the incredible benefits that technology can provide. I also witnessed the potential harmful effects if technology is not implemented correctly. I have invested a significant amount of time researching and talking with experts from institutions such as Harvard, Yale, Columbia, McGill, University of Toronto and the World Health Organization and now understand the harmful effects to human health that wireless radiation can have.

More than ten years ago, when I realized that the improper use of radiofrequency/microwave radiation technology could adversely impact a large proportion of the population with resulting enormous costs to health care, I co-founded Canadians for Safe Technology (C4ST). C4ST is a national, not-for-profit organization that is concerned with the health and safety risks of unsafe wireless technology. We are a volunteer-based, national, coalition of parents, citizens and experts.

For Canadians concerned about constant exposure to wireless radiation, one of our recommendations is to create a safe-haven in their residence, to allow a rest and recovery period especially during sleep. I believe that the installation of smart meters inside residences would negate this precautionary approach.

C4ST is often contacted by individuals who report adverse reactions to emissions from wireless technologies, including smart meters. Often, by the time they reach us they are in dire straights desperate to find housing with low electromagnetic fields. The City of Winnipeg can be proactive in preventing people being forced from their homes, leaving some homeless or with precarious housing.

This is a 135 million dollar program to replace 221, 000 water meters. I understand from the June 27th Public Service Report that, if there were no fees and opt-out is 0 .2 per cent, that the annual cost for an opt-out is about $250,000. With 221,000 meters, this cost comes to just over a dollar per meter.
Many costs for accommodation are spread amongst users e.g. wheelchair ramps or automatic door openers.

I suggest that the City in its Request for Proposal include a clause for the prospective vendor to include the cost of a non-emitting meters based on your projected Opt-out numbers.

According to the City's report, Halifax, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Penticton and Kelowna have Opt-out programs. Opt-out provisions should include the ability to change an existing meter installation to a non- emitting meter when requested such as when moving residences or wanting to reduce exposure to these waveforms in the existing residence .

I support the establishment of an Opt-out program that is at no-cost for those with disabilities, and for others at affordable costs with no special documentation required.

I would be pleased to follow-up with a telephone or video conversation.

Yours truly,



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